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AS BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **A JOINER**

the specification of which:

[ ] attached hereto  
[ x ] as filed 17 December 2004  
as Application Serial No. PCT/AU2004/0017777

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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AUSTRALIA	2003906961	17 December 2003	YES

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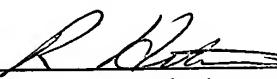
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